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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

A Response to the Pending Office Action dated August 6, 2008, was filed on September 5, 2008. An Advisory Action was issued November 14, 2008, wherein we were informed that the proposed amendments to the claims would require a new search in the art. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 22, 2008, together with a Pre-Appeal Brief request. A Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated January 30, 2009, was issued wherein we were informed that the application remains under appeal because there is at least one actual issue for appeal. In response, the Applicants submit the following Response accompanying a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is also concurrently submitted. Please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 27, 28 and 30-32 have been rejected in the Official action issued August 6, 2008. Claims 3-13 and 15-42 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2 and 14 are now pending.